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STORING SEMICONDUCTOR)
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U.S. Patent No. 5,851,673 has been cited in a communication from the Taiwanese Patent Office dated September 1, 2003, issued in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months

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